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The International Workshop on Biological control of Invasive Species of Forests was held on 20-25 September 2007, Beijing, P. R. China. This workshop was organized by the USDA Forest Service-Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team, the Chinese Academy of Forestry - Research Institute of Forest Ecology, Environment and Protection, the Asian-Pacific Forest Invasive Species Network, and the Asian-Pacific Association of Research Institutions.

The workshop was widely considered a successful meeting. It was attended by 129 delegates from 15 countries. It was sponsored by three organizations the USDA Forest Service, the China State Forestry Administration, and the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission, and co-sponsored by five organizations, the Chinese Academy of Forestry, Beijing Normal University, the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, IUFRO 7.03.08 - Forest Protection in Northeast Asia, and the USDA Forest Service - Northern Research Station, NRS-03, Ecology and Management of Invasive Species and Forest Ecosystems.

An opening ceremony, a general session, and four co-current sessions were held: "Arthropods", "Plants", "Phytopathogens & Biopesticides", and "Strategy and Technology for Monitoring and Controlling Invasive Species for a Green Olympic 2008". Sixty-five oral presentations and nine posters were presented addressing the six objectives:

- To summarize 15 years (1993–2007) of cooperation between `USDA Forest Service and various organizations in China to manage invasive species of forests;
- To plan for future cooperation among the USDA Forest Service and various organizations in China, as well as other countries in the Asian-Pacific region, to manage invasive species of forests;
- To develop/strengthen strategies for minimizing introduction of invasive species of forests between USA and China, as well as other countries;
- To encourage informal exchanges of scientists and workshops covering biological control of invasive species of forests;
- To harmonize the shipment of natural enemies; and
- To document the biology, life history, natural enemies, etc., for a prioritized list of potential invasive species of forests between USA and China, as well as other countries.

Expenditure:

Out of \$10,000 sponsored by IAT \$5,000 was sent to the Chinese Academy of Forestry (local host) for the workshop organization; \$2,105.36 was used for my travel to China to organize/participate in the workshop.

More detailed conference report please refer to CABI *Biocontrol News and Information* December issue.